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Lt. Gov. Lemanu P. Mauga, a retired US Army officer, setting down a wreath at the VA Memorial in Tafuna last Friday, during a special ceremony to honor all veterans. The wreath purposely featured fresh red, white, and blue flowers, with the inscription: "To all veterans, Thank You For Your Service!"

See story for details.

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Veterans honored during a special ceremony last Friday

by Ausage Fausia
Samoa News Reporter

American Samoa joined the rest of the nation in honoring veterans during a special ceremony held at the VA Memorial in Tafuna last Friday morning. Government leaders, veterans, families and friends came together to pay tribute to the sacrifices of the men and women in the US Armed Forces.

Lt. Gov. Lemanu Peleti Mauga, on behalf of Gov. Lolo Matalagi Moliga, who is off-island, delivered the special remarks. Also present were Fono leaders, traditional leaders and cabinet members — some of whom are veterans.

Military retirees, some dressed in uniform, were also present, along with officers of the American Samoa Army Reserve Unit. The ceremony was organized by the Office of Veterans Affairs headed by VA Officer Mrs. Rosie Tago Lancaster and the Governor's Office.

Wreaths were laid at the Veterans Monument in Tafuna to honor the service of men and women from the various branches of the US military.

After a warm welcome by HTC Malemo Tausaga to welcome everyone who was in attendance, CCCAS Amanave's Rev. Iese Aasa, a retired Army Staff Sgt., led the service with a prayer, and hymns were sung by his congregation's choir.

Representatives from the VA raised the US and American

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DPS BUILDING TO GET MUCH NEEDED REPAIRS

It's been a month since a small fire broke out on the second floor of the Dept. of Public Safety's main building in Fagatogo and now work is being carried out to repair the area that was damaged by the blaze. The structure, along with the two small buildings to the east of it (the old jail, which now houses the DPS records office; and the former Naval station bakery, the former home of the DPS Motor Carrier Safety Assistance Program), are listed on the National Register of Historic Sites. The designation, according to American Samoa Historic Preservation Officer David Herdrich, means steps are taken to ensure that the historical character of the building is preserved. Any building that is listed on the National Register, or considered to be eligible, "is protected in the sense that if federal funds are used to do anything to it, then it's required that the federal agency make a determination whether or not the building will be adversely affected by that work."

When contacted for an explanation yesterday, Herdrich said the original DPS building had a balcony on the front, which is the same area that is being torn down (see photo).

Herdrich said the wall isn't original so it is possible to demolish that section of the building and rebuild it to either mirror what it originally looked like, or how it was prior to the fire.

The rest of the building however, cannot be torn down. It is protected under federal law.

"They could do work, but they cannot change the historical character of the building," Herdrich reiterated. He explained that being listed on the National Register of Historic Sites doesn't necessarily mean a building cannot be demolished. There are instances where — if the building is not salvageable and the damage is beyond repair — the building can be torn down, under federal law, but a Memorandum of Agreement has to be in effect, detailing mitigations and data including photographs, measured drawings, and other information. "But the DPS building isn't in that type of 'unsalvageable' state — yet," said Herdrich. "There is damage to the second floor and there are other repair issues involved." Samoa News understands that there have been suggestions to restore the building to the way it looked when it was first constructed. In the meantime, the American Samoa Historic Preservation Office is looking for funds to help get the job done. As for DPS operations, cars that are impounded are being stored at the DPS east substation in Faga'itua and the rest of the workforce is being housed at the Lumana'i building — first and second floor. Others are working out of the DPS west substation in Tafuna.

[photo: Blue Chen-Fruean]



Manumalo HS 'adopts' Pala Lagoon

by Blue Chen-Fruean
Samoa News Correspondent

What initially started off as a low key pick-a-thon for Manumalo High School students turned into something bigger last Saturday when the school announced that it will 'adopt' the Pala Lagoon in Tafuna as part of its contribution to the Keep American Samoa Beautiful (KASB) program, spearheaded by the American Samoa Environmental Protec-

tion Agency (AS-EPA).

The Flames, along with underclassmen, teachers, and members of Manumalo Baptist Church started picking up trash in the area across the street from the Tafuna Correctional Facility (TCF), heading towards the Lions Park playground.

Altogether, more than 20 trash bags full of plastic water bottles and shopping bags, styrofoam plates, clothes, soda

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⊗ The gangway of the fishing vessel the purse seiner's captain tried to cross before he accidentally fell into the ocean and died. See story for details. [photo: AF]

Purse seiner captain falls to his death

POLICE INVESTIGATION REVEALS NO FOUL PLAY

by Ausage Fausia
Samoa News Reporter

After a thorough investigation into the unexpected death of a fishing vessel captain last month, local police have recommended to close the case, after they determined no criminal act was involved, and the incident was nothing more than an unfortunate accident.

The deceased, a 62-year-old man, was a US citizen and captain of the US flagged purse seiner, Cape Farret.

Reports say the incident occurred around 9 p.m. Saturday, October 28th, 2017 behind the Samoa Tuna Processors (STP) facility in Atu'u.

The man is believed to have fallen into the ocean and sustained injuries to his head.

Witnesses told police the victim was allegedly under the influence of alcohol.

It was revealed that on the night of the incident, after dinner and drinks with his colleagues, the victim was dropped off at the STP facility.

He was reportedly intoxicated and was swaying while walking — staggering most of the time — while making his way behind the dock where the fishing vessel was moored.

Police questioned several STP employees who were working at the time of the incident. One of them, a forklift driver, told police he was stacking empty fish steel bins when he saw the victim walking past him and on to the vessel. The victim appeared drunk because he was not walking straight but instead, swaying and staggering. As the victim stepped on to the boat, he slipped and fell over — head first — into the ocean, between the vessel and the port. The

witness told police he ran over to help but the victim was nowhere to be seen, he was already underwater.

The witness said he ran in to the vessel to inform the crew members about what happened, and he also contacted his supervisor and alerted the port security guard to contact the authorities about the incident.

Two crew members dove into the ocean in an attempt to search for the victim whose body was found a few moments later. A rope was used to tie the victim's waist so they could hoist him up on to the dock.

According to what the witness told police, the victim was underwater for at least 15 to 20 minutes.

Other witnesses who were interviewed told a similar story to police about what happened before and during the incident.

Police were able to obtain a copy of surveillance footage from the STP/ IT department, which provided corroborating proof that no criminal act was involved and the incident was an unfortunate accident.

The victim's body was transported to the LBJ Hospital around 10:25 p.m that same night, and he was pronounced dead at 10:41 p.m

According to the report, the victim sustained a deep scalp laceration on the right side of his forehead. The exact cause of death it undetermined at this time, as an autopsy will be conducted to determine whether the victim died from drowning or blunt force trauma to the head.

Samoa News understands that members of the victim's family arrived in the territory from the US last week, to take his body home.

Bannon appeals to Jews to join war on GOP establishment

NEW YORK (AP) — President Donald Trump's former chief strategist on Sunday called on American Jews to join his war on the Republican establishment.

Steve Bannon appealed to the Zionist Organization of America to "work as partners" in his crusade against GOP leaders he blames for blocking Trump's agenda.

Bannon delivered the fiery address at the organization's annual awards dinner in New York, with several current and former Trump staffers in attendance.

"We're leading an insurgency movement against the Republican establishment," Bannon charged, blaming his adversaries in the establishment for playing games.

"That's how you get the Iran deal," he continued.

"That's how we still allow the American government to finance people that have blood on their hands of innocent Jewish civilians."

The Zionist Organization of America has largely embraced Bannon, while other Jewish leaders have raised concerns about him and the news outlet he runs, Breitbart News, which is popular among some white supremacists, anti-Semites and others who identify with the so-called alt-right movement.

Bannon, who left the White House in August, is now trying to raise money to defeat several sitting Republican senators he says are blocking Trump's agenda in Washington.

"President Trump needs our back," he declared. "We're a nation at war. This war is only going to be won if we bind together and work as partners."

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USCG explains Port Heavy Weather Conditions it sets for port and mariners only

PHWC LEVELS: "WHISKEY," "X-RAY," "YANKEE," "ZULU"

by Fili Sagapolutele
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At last week's 2017-2018 Tropical Cyclone Workshop for local media, the US Coast Guard shared with participants details of the agency's Marine Safety Information Bulletins (MSIB), which are issued specifically for the Port of Pago Pago and mariners when there is an approaching storm.

Frank Thomsen of the local USCG Marine Safety Detachment Unit was invited by the National Weather Service Office (NWSO) in Tafuna and local Department of Homeland Security (ASDHS) to speak at the media workshop.

NWSO Meteorologist-in-Charge, Elinor Lutu-McMoore explained that there is confusion with their messages that go out. "People don't understand that Coast Guard's main focus [with its message] is our Pago Pago Harbor and our mariners," she said.

Samoa News notes that in the past, when the USCG issues weather bulletins, community members who see it end up panicking, which results in confusion.

(Samoa News online is updated when there is an approaching storm, because it's monitored by off island residents and others, including companies who have business operations connected to American Samoa.)

USCG's presentation at the workshop provided details and information on the agency's work and preparations - working with local authorities when there is an approaching storm.

Thomsen explained the "Port Heavy Weather Conditions" is set by the USCG for maritime ports and used to describe, generally, restrictions needed to protect life, vessels, facilities, ports and the environment from severe weather.

He said when USCG puts out the MSIB, it's "specifically for the port and the traveling mariners within the port and waterways" of American Samoa. There are four specific levels of the MSIB — which go out to the government, maritime public, and port.

The first level is labeled "Whiskey" and issued 72-hours before tropical force winds are anticipated to impact a commercial port. The USCG Captain Of The Port (COTP), based in Honolulu, may restrict operations or deny entry to vessels transporting oil or hazardous material.

Additionally, vessels over 300-gross tons should begin making plans to leave the harbor and go out to sea, while vessels over 200-gross tons wishing to remain in port should submit a request to the COTP.

At the Whiskey level, "open areas of piers should be cleared of debris."

The next level is "X-Ray", which is 48-hours before tropical storm force winds impact a commercial port.

At the Whiskey and X-Ray levels, Thomsen said USCG sends out 2 assessment teams who will visit all facilities and vessels in port, and provide notification for them to prepare to leave port for those vessels over 300 gross tons, such as purse seiners.

"Our team would identify any hazards, and bring it up to the facility to make sure it's rectified before the arrival of the storm," he explained, adding that the X-Ray level includes pre-assessments of the harbor and possibly stand-up the Marine Transportation System Recovery unit.

Twenty four hours before tropical storm force winds arrive, the MSIB "Yankee" notice is issued, meaning it's time to prepare to secure cargo operations at port and get any last minute vessel departures to sea to avoid the storm. It is also the time the port will possibly be closed to incoming traffic.

The fourth level, "Zulu", is set 12 hours before tropical storm force winds arrive and at this level, there is anticipation of port closure to inbound/outbound traffic.

Also, there is no terminal, facility or vessel operations permitted, with a possible fine for violations. Closure of the port is issued by the COPT.

When asked to elaborate on the possible fine, Thomsen replied, "civil penalties, up to about \$45,000 per day, per violation."

After the storm passes, and if the port is closed, Thomsen said a USCG representative will be at the ASDHS Emergency Operation Center to brief authorities. An assessment is conducted before the port is re-opened.

"All reopening decisions will be coordinated by the [local] Coast Guard and the Port director with final concurrence by the COTP in Honolulu," he said, and noted that depending on what was found during the post-assessment, Honolulu will determine the types of assets and resources needed for American Samoa as part of recovery efforts.

Thomsen recalled that following the Sept. 29, 2009 tsunami a USCG C-130 aircraft landed the next day at the Tafuna airport with FEMA and Coast Guard personnel, and assistance for the territory.

"So depending on the damage, Honolulu sets the assistance for American Samoa," he pointed out.

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High school students from Manumalo Academy spent their weekend picking up trash in the Tafuna Pala Lagoon area, specifically across the street from the Territorial Correction Facility all the way past the Lions Club public playground across from the Nu'uuli VocTech High School campus. Samoa News understands the group was able to fill more than 20 trash bags in a matter of hours.

[photo: BC]

Magnitude 6.5 quake hits Costa Rica coast, shakes capital

VSAN JOSE, Costa Rica (AP) — A strong earthquake with a preliminary magnitude of 6.5 shook Costa Rica on Sunday night, knocking items from shelves and sending people rushing outside in panic.

The country's Public Safety Ministry said there were reports of two serious injuries as a result of the quake, but did not provide additional details.

Electricity was knocked out in some areas as power lines and poles fell, but there were no reports of major infrastructure damage from the tremor, which hit in a lightly populated area on

the Pacific Coast. The government reported some rockslides obstructing highways near the epicenter.

The U.S. Geological Survey said the earthquake was centered about 10 miles (15 kilometers) southeast of the town of Jaco, which is about 60 (100 kilometers) miles southwest of the capital, San Jose. The quake was at a depth of about 12 miles (20 kilometers). Magdalena Lopez, who lives in Jaco, said the tremor started softly, but quickly strengthened.

"When we were trying to get out of the house it started

to shake again very strongly," she said. "All of our neighbors were in the street. In front of my house there is an overlook some people started to go up, but it quickly started to shake again."

Four minutes after the initial earthquake, a magnitude 5.2 aftershock struck.

President Luis Guillermo Solis said via Twitter that the government was still gathering information. He urged people to remain calm and prepare for aftershocks. Matt Hogan was at home in Punta Uvita, about a 90-minute drive down the coast from the epicenter when the earthquake hit around 8:30 p.m. He said the shaking whipped up two-foot waves in his swimming pool and knocked over glasses and containers in the kitchen.

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Turkey denies report of plan to kidnap cleric Gulen from US

ISTANBUL (AP) — Turkey has dismissed as “utterly false, ludicrous and groundless” a report that Turkish officials may have discussed paying millions of dollars to have a U.S.-based Muslim cleric kidnapped.

The Wall Street Journal reported Friday that Special Counsel Robert Mueller was investigating an alleged plot involving former U.S. National Security Adviser Michael Flynn and his son to hand Fethullah Gulen over to Ankara for as much as \$15 million.

Turkey blames the cleric and his supporters for a July 2016 military coup attempt that killed 250 people. Gulen, who lives in Pennsylvania, has denied being behind it.

The Turkish Embassy in Washington reiterated demands late Saturday for the United States to extradite Gulen so he can stand trial.

The embassy in a statement rejected “all allegations that Turkey would resort to means external to the rule of law” to get Gulen back on Turkish soil.

Flynn’s lawyers also have disputed the Journal report that Mueller was looking into a meeting where Flynn allegedly discussed a plan that would pay him and his son “to forcibly remove” Gulen.

Flynn, a retired lieutenant general, did lobbying work for Turkey last year.

“Out of respect for the process of the various investigations regarding the 2016 campaign, we have intentionally avoided responding to every rumor or allegation,” the lawyers said in a statement. “But today’s news cycle has brought allegations about General Flynn, ranging from kidnapping to bribery, that are so outrageous and prejudicial that we are making an exception to our usual rule: they are false,” they

said.

Michael Flynn Jr.’s attorney declined to comment on the allegations.

Gulen has been living in the U.S. for nearly two decades. He is a former ally of Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan until their 2013 public falling-out led the government to declare Gulen’s network a terror group.

Nearly 50,000 people are behind bars in Turkey and more than 100,000 civil servants have been dismissed from their jobs for alleged links to the cleric’s network in the government’s crackdown after the failed coup.

Also behind bars in Turkey for alleged links to Gulen is U.S. pastor Andrew Brunson, who has lived in Turkey for over 20 years. Erdogan said in September the U.S. was pressing Turkey to return a “cleric” while refusing to hand over another “cleric.”

The Turkish Embassy said the Turkish people find Gulen’s continued refuge in the U.S. “perplexing and deeply frustrating.” Complicating relations further is the case of a Turkish-Iranian businessman on trial in the U.S. for evading U.S. sanctions on Iran. A former Turkish economy minister and an executive of a state-owned Turkish bank have also been indicted.

In a meeting last week, Turkish Prime Minister Binali Yildirim and U.S. Vice President Michael Pence discussed the cases among other sources of strain, including the U.S. backing of Syrian Kurdish militants in the war against the Islamic State group. Turkey has been infuriated by the U.S. support for a group it considers an extension of the outlawed Kurdistan Workers’ Party or PKK, which has waged an insurgency within Turkey for more than 30 years.



Police speaking to a Samoa supporter in Ōtara last weekend.

[photo: RNZ]



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SAMOA'S NEWEST INTERNATIONAL AIRLINE

Samoa Airways is ready for its Inaugural flight scheduled for the beginning of next week, Tuesday, November 14, 2017 from Apia to Auckland, NZ.

The Government’s vision of bringing back its own airline through the re-establishment of Polynesian Airlines’ jet services is coming to fruition. Samoa Airways, now as the country’s Flag carrier will finally join the international arena of airways in this modern era of technology both globally and within the Pacific Region, initially with flights between Samoa, NZ and Australia.

An official launch ceremony took place at Faleolo International Airport yesterday (Samoa Time), Monday, Nov.13, at 4pm, with the keynote address delivered by Prime Minister Tuilaepa Fatialofa Lupesoliai Dr. Sailele Malielegaoi.

Leading up to the official launch this week, the aircraft arrived on Saturday and before touchdown, it conducted a fly pass from the north-coast of Savai’i, over the islands of Apolima and Manono, along the south-coast of Upolu and onwards to American Samoa before turning back and flying through the north-coast of Upolu, followed by a low pass over Apia before touchdown at Faleolo International Airport.

A special water salute was provided by the Samoa Airport Authority as the aircraft taxied from the runway to the apron-area.

Samoa Airways’ inaugural jet service will be flight OL731 on Tuesday, Nov. 14, from Apia to Auckland: OL731 Depart Apia 0700, Arrive Auckland 1015 OL732 Depart Auckland 1110, Arrive Apia 1605 Bookings are now available online - <https://samoairways.com/>

(Source: Samoa Press Secretariat)

ICELANDAIR DELIVERS

It was a moment of truth for Icelandair’s Vice President Halldor Daddi Halldorsson as

the Samoa Airways 737-800 Boeing touched down at Faleolo Airport, Saturday afternoon.

For Vice President Halldor the delivery of the aircraft on a wet lease to Samoa vindicates his decision made three years ago to approach government for a partnership after a courtesy call to Prime Minister Tuilaepa Lupesoliai Dr. Sailele Malielegaoi. And three long years of regular 48 hour flights between Iceland and Samoa as talks between the two parties continued has paid off with the arrival the Boeing 737 which will hopefully be the beginning of a long mutual and beneficial partnership between the two parties.

Icelandair was given less than five months to deliver and it did Saturday with flying Samoa Airway colors to the letter.

Icelandair Group is not new to the region.

It has a successful partnership with Air Niugini which has proven to be catalyst for Papua New Guinea’s international connections and for that country’s booming tourism industry. Icelandair currently leases five Boeing aircrafts to Air Niugini since their partnership started in 2007. Prime Minister Tuilaepa has always kept the doors open for potential and viable partnership to help Samoa’s return to commercial flights with one goal, affordable airfares for Samoans and more seats for tourists.

“The primary target is for our national carrier to be resurrected properly not only as a profit making entity but most importantly to provide affordable airfares for our people and our tourists,” the Prime Minister is quoted constantly in his regular press conferences.

“I am mindful of the challenges and obstacles and government is looking at all options to realize its targeted mission.

“A reliable, consistent, affordable air fares and cost effective air services whilst exceeding our stakeholders’ expectation is paramount to

government.”

(Source: Samoa Press Secretariat)

SAMOA AIRWAYS PARTNERS WITH AIRFI FOR WIRELESS IN-FLIGHT ENTERTAINMENT

Samoa Airways has partnered with AirFi to deliver wireless in-flight entertainment (IFE).

Customers can enjoy complimentary movies, tv shows and music onboard by streaming the airline’s ‘Faafiafiaga Entertainment’ channel with their mobile, tablet or laptop:

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2. When in “Airplane mode” turn-on your wireless connection only;
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4. Open your web browser and enjoy.

Samoa Airways announced at Future Travel Experience Asia in Singapore that it will deploy AirFi’s portable wireless IFE on its Boeing 737-800 aircraft.

According to Samoa Airways CEO, Seiuli Alvin Tuala, the IFE system will be a “cornerstone” of the carrier’s plans to modernize and reinvigorate the in-flight experience for passengers, as it relaunches its operations as Samoa Airways this month with a newly-leased Boeing 737-800 aircraft.

“Mobile devices are an essential part of our lives and naturally our customers want to connect when on board to stream entertainment and travel information,” Seiuli said in a press release.

(Source: Samoa Press Secretariat)

‘THE VIOLENCE ... IT IS JUST SHOCKING’

(New Zealand) — An Auckland City councillor says community leaders will be looking at ways to stop rugby league celebrations becoming disorderly — after 53 people were arrested in Otahuhu overnight.

There have been dozens of arrests for brawling and disorderly conduct.

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▶ Veterans honored...

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Samoa flags, as the CCCAS Amanave choir belted out the national anthems.

Presentation of services flags were carried out by representatives from each branch including the U.S Army, Marines, Navy, Air Force, and Coast Guard.

During his remarks, Lemanu, a veteran himself, said his heart is filled with joy and high spirits as the territory joins the nation in celebrating the 99th Veterans Day this year, a day to honor families and those who served in the military.

“This is a day we celebrate the service of our national heroes, those people who have given their lives and did something bigger so our families and people can enjoy the freedom and the value of life,” Lemanu said. Lemanu said Veterans Day for many is a day to reflect, a day to remember, a day of healing, a day to celebrate and meet families and friends, and a day to give thanks.

The Lt. Governor acknowledged the service of a certain veteran, known to many for his service to the government and private sector.

Lemanu said this particular veteran was assigned by the US Coast Guard to be stationed in American Samoa in 1964. After being honorably discharged, he decided to make American Samoa his home and from there, he has served in the private sector, which included manager of the local Bank of Hawaii branch. Currently, he is employed by the ASG in the Treasury Department.

He is a minister for the Assembly of God Church, and his name is Rev. John Marsh.

Lemanu also acknowledged

another son of American Samoa who departed last Friday evening. Auina Solaita, son of Aileen and Anthony Solaita of Pago Pago. He is in Hawai'i for team preparations, before he heads to the US Marine Corps base in San Diego.

The Lt. governor acknowledged the presence of all veterans from the different branches of the US Armed Forces, and especially the American Samoa Gold Star families. “Today, we honor our veterans. We enjoy the freedom that we have today only because these men and women were willing to step up and be responsible to fight for us, and that’s why we call them heroes.

“We must also not forget those veterans and families who can’t be here amongst us because it pains and hurts them to remember their best,” Lemanu said.

The US Army Reserves fired a gun salute into the air while a bugler, dressed in a USMC uniform, played Taps.



LOCAL COMMUNITIES LOOKING FORWARD TO PALOLO RISING THIS MONTH



October and November is the period of the annual rising/swarming of the *palolo* worm. As usual, local communities are expecting a harvest and an event for celebration. During the rising, many residents make their way to the reef early in the morning to await the spawning of *palolo* worms. Although it may vary, *palolo* rising usually occurs around the third-quarter moon in October and/or November or seven days after the full moon. This would put the *palolo* rising around Oct. 12 and Nov. 11.

The *palolo* worm is considered a seafood delicacy in the Samoan culture, and during the rising people come together to harvest and feast. During this period, the worms usually back up from their burrows and release their reproductive segments or ‘epitoke’ that contain their gametes into the water column. The epitoke is what actually is referred to as *palolo*. The epitoke upon release from the worms twirls upward to the water surface like a dancing noodle. It ‘swims’ upwards as it is attracted to light through its own sensor. As it rises to the water surface, it is collected in buckets and baskets using hand nets by the local communities. Blue-green epitoke indicates female and brown epitoke signifies male. As day breaks, the epitoke disintegrates and it releases the male and the female gametes. It is advised that people go out to the reef two to three nights before peak harvest dates (Oct. 12th and Nov. 11th) to check for early signs of *palolo* spawning.

The *palolo* rising is a classic example of synchronous (same time) mass spawning of a marine organism. The timing of the rising/swarming varies and suggests that other factors are involved than the lunar cycle. Other factors that may play a role in spawning include sea water temperature, tides, and wind. It is not known whether the quality or integrity of the coral reef habitat affects *palolo* rising. During the *palolo* rising, assigned staff of the Department of Marine and Wildlife will be conducting surveys and interviews on weight of catch per person to track annual trends in the amount of *palolo* released.

We kindly ask the public to please call Maria Vaofanua (mariavaofanua@hotmail.com) at 633-4465 ext. 241 to report any sightings of *palolo*.

Powerful earthquake on Iran-Iraq border kills more than 140

TEHRAN, Iran (AP) — A powerful earthquake shook the Iran-Iraq border late Sunday, killing more than 140 people and injuring 860 in Iran alone, state media there said.

The Baghdad government did not immediately give word on damage or casualties in that country.

The 7.3-magnitude quake was centered 19 miles (31 kilometers) outside the eastern Iraqi city of Halabja, according to the most recent measurements from the U.S. Geological Survey.

Iranian social media and news agencies showed images and videos of people fleeing their homes into the night in the western Iranian province of Kermanshah.

The state-run IRNA news agency disclosed the increase in casualties early Monday and said rescue work was continuing overnight and would accelerate during the daytime.



A student from the Home of the Flames picking up plastic water bottles and styrofoam plates around the Pala Lagoon area last Saturday. The private school in Malaeimi has 'adopted' the site near the Lions Park area as part of their contribution to the "Keep American Samoa Beautiful" (KASB) program, spearheaded by the AS-EPA. [photo: BC]

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cans, and other debris were collected. Chaperones told Samoa News that while the area appears trash-free from the road, the coastline is littered with items that are assumed to be thrown there by people who frequent Lions Park for recreation.

The area features benches and tables that are often used by people to eat lunch and shoot the breeze. Although there are trash bins set up in various locations, people are still throwing garbage in the ocean, evident during last Saturday's clean-up.

Since it was launched, the KASB program has gained support from villages, church groups, schools, businesses, families, and individuals who have 'adopted' certain areas in the territory to maintain.

Participation in the program means regular clean-ups are carried out and data forms have to be filled out to document the types and quantities of solid waste that are collected during the clean-ups.

Last year, the Top 10 most littered items, as reported by AS-EPA, were beverage cans, followed by plastic beverage bottles, food wrappers, cigarette butts, styrofoam cups/plates, plastic bags, caps/lids, cups/plates/forks/knives, cigarette filters, and clothing/shoes.

AS-EPA director Ameko Pato said last year, "We have to work together as a community to solve the problem of littering and the KASB program serves to facilitate community, business and government collaboration in addressing this serious problem".

[photo: BC]

Uber seals multibillion-dollar investment from Softbank

DETROIT (AP) — Japanese technology conglomerate SoftBank has reached a deal with Uber to invest billions in the ride-hailing giant.

Uber Technologies Inc. confirmed the investment in a statement Sunday without giving details.

But a person briefed on the deal told The Associated Press that SoftBank Group will buy about \$1 billion worth of new Uber stock, then will offer to purchase shares from investors and Uber employees with the goal of reaching a 14 percent stake in the company. Uber currently is valued at \$68.5 billion, but stock offers will be based on a lower valuation, so it's unknown just how much the total deal multibillion-dollar deal will be worth, said the person, who spoke on condition of anonymity because details were not released.

Uber's statement said it reached an agreement with a consortium led by SoftBank and Dragonair Investment Group. The deal is a vote of confidence in the company's potential and "will help fuel our investments in technology and our continued expansion at home and abroad, while strengthening our corporate governance," the statement said.

The move also clears the way for Uber, among the most valuable tech firms in the world, to sell stock to the public. Under

the deal, the initial public offering will take place before the end of 2019.

SoftBank in Tokyo declined comment.

Such IPO deals generally take some time to be finalized, as they involve many people.

The long-awaited deal was made public in October but was delayed by a corporate governance and legal dispute between investor Benchmark Capital and ousted CEO Travis Kalanick. Both sides ended their feud on Sunday, clearing the way for the SoftBank investment, the person said.

Kalanick, who controls three of 11 seats on the Uber board, agreed to allow a majority of board members to vote on any future appointments he makes, according to the person.

Benchmark agreed to suspend a lawsuit against Kalanick and drop it once Softbank gets through a one-month tender offer period that will start in about two weeks. Benchmark, a major Silicon Valley venture capital firm that was among Uber's early backers, alleged in the lawsuit that Kalanick covered up turmoil and legal threats at Uber.

The deal allows early investors such as Benchmark to sell at least some of their shares at a handsome profit. But there will likely be some wrangling over how much shares are worth in the coming weeks.



American Samoa Government OFFICE OF PROCUREMENT

REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS (RFQ) RFQ-017-2018

Issuance Date: November 13, 2017

Date & Time Due: December 13, 2017

No later than 2:00p.m (local time)

The American Samoa Government (ASG) issues a Request For Qualification (RFQ) from qualified firms to provide:

"Ofu Airport Runway 8/26 Rehabilitation - Design Services"

Submission

Original and five copies of the Qualifications must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked: "RFQ: Ofu Airport Runway 8/26 Rehabilitation - Design Services." Submissions are to be sent to the following address and will be received until 2:00 p.m. (local time), December 13, 2017:

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Attn: Dr. Oreta Mapu Crichton, CPO**

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Document

The RFQ Scope of Work outlining the qualification requirements is available at the Office of Procurement, Tafuna, American Samoa, during normal working hours.

Review

Request for Qualification data will be thoroughly reviewed by an appointed Source Evaluation Board under the auspices of the Chief Procurement, Office of Procurement, ASG.

Right of Rejection

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DR. ORETA MAPU CRICHTON
Chief Procurement Officer

Suspect arrested after stabbing at Mall of America

BLOOMINGTON, Minn. (AP) — A 20-year-old suspect is in custody after two men were stabbed at the Mall of America in Minnesota during what police called an “interrupted theft.”

Bloomington police say the incident happened Sunday evening in the first-floor dressing room area of the Macy’s department store.

Police say the first victim was stabbed after he returned to the dressing room and confronted a man attempting to steal his belongings. The second victim

was stabbed after intervening. Authorities say both men suffered non-life-threatening injuries.

While the Macy’s store closed early, the Mall of America stayed open and was not placed on lockdown. Deputy Chief Mike Hartley says the rest of the patrons were not in any danger.

The Mall of America has more than 520 stores and attractions that include an amusement park and an indoor zip line.



Police guard the area at Rosenheimer Platz square in Munich, Germany, Saturday, Oct. 21, 2017. Police say a man with a knife has lightly wounded several people in Munich. Officers are looking for the assailant. Munich police called on people in the Rosenheimer Platz square area, located close to the German city’s downtown, to stay inside after the incident on Saturday morning.

(Andreas Gebert/dpa via AP)

Hundreds in Hollywood march against sexual harassment

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Armed with signs, catchy phrases and a motivation to take #MeToo beyond the internet and into real life, a few hundred women, men and children gathered Sunday among the sex shops and tourist traps of Hollywood Boulevard to protest sexual harassment.

The Take Back the Workplace March and the #MeToo Survivors March joined forces in the heart of Hollywood, near the entrance to the Dolby Theater where the Academy Awards take place. They walked side by side past the tourists, costume shops, strip clubs and a man wearing a “Whiskey Made Me Do It” T-shirt to gather for a rally of rousing speeches from the likes of Harvey Weinstein accuser Lauren Sivan and Oscar-winning producer Cathy Schulman.

“Not in pots, not in plants, keep your junk inside your pants,” the crowd chanted for a few minutes, before shifting gears to: “Harvey Weinstein is a joke, women workers just got woke.” Other chants included, “Survivors united, we’ll never be divided” and “Whatever we wear, wherever we go, ‘yes’ means ‘yes’ and ‘no’ means ‘no.’”

Some came with their families, some came with friends and attendees ranged in age from 4 to over 68. Aislinn Russell, a 15-year-old Los Angeles high school student came with two peers and signs railing against terms like “friend zone” and “slut.”

“Seeing the #metoo movement growing and seeing all these people telling their stories, I have my own stories too,” Russell said. “I want to join in with that and not be silent with everything going on.”

Her sign, drawn in pink and purple block letters read: “‘Slut’ is attacking women for their right to say yes.” Her friend’s read: “‘Friend Zone’ is attaching women for their right to say no.”

Another attendee, Nancy Allen, a 52-year-old woman from Los Angeles, carried a sign that read, “I was 7.”

“We’ve been silent too long,” Allen said. “A lot of people have kept this inside us for years and years.”

Howard Kim, a 68-year-old Los Angeles resident, came out to support the march.

“I’m just a little sorry there aren’t more people out here,” Kim said. “I was hoping there would be.”

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As to why large vessels are required to leave port prior to the arrival of a storm, Thomsen said it’s “because if a vessel is sunk within the channel, we’re going to have a huge problem. So for the Coast Guard, rather than having that hazard here in port, we’d like them to head out to sea, head to areas that are safe prior to the arrival of the storm.”

Lutu-McMoore reminded media representatives that the NWSO does not issue a storm

watch notice at the “Whiskey” level, but it will at the “X-Ray” level.

The current tropical cyclone season runs through Apr. 30, 2018 and NWSO along with ASDHS remind residents to prepare, while media outlets are urged to help get to the public accurate information when released by NWSO and ASDHS.

(See last Friday’s edition for other information from the workshop).



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derly behavior in South Auckland during the Rugby League World Cup over the past weeks as people took to the streets before and after games.

Police said celebrations following Tonga's rugby league win over the Kiwis last night turned into mass disorder involving drunkenness, violence and gridlocked traffic.

They said some people in the main shopping area of

Otahuhu threw fireworks at officers, obstructed roads and footpaths and behaved in a very disorderly manner.

Manukau Ward councillor Efeso Collins said the incident was very troubling and there were still more games to be played in the tournament.

He said setting up a fan zone in the area could help control and manage behavior.

"Everyone wants to be able to express their excitement, but in safe conditions, so I think it is up to those of us who are community leaders [to be] talking with the Rugby League World Cup organizers and saying 'look, let's actually work on something so that we can focus all of this excitement.'"

Collins said it was likely most of the arrests were just a precautionary measure, to ensure things did not escalate further.

Another Manukau Ward councillor, Alf Filipaina, said he was disgusted by the actions of the people who had spoiled the celebrations for everyone else.

"[These people] don't care about

the rugby league, they just want to end up trying to look for fights.

"You know, the violence ... it is just shocking, it is disgusting," he said.

Filipaina said community leaders would continue to call for calm.

(Source: RNZ Inc.)

KIDS BARELY VENTURING FROM HOME - STUDY

Researchers in New Zealand using GPS and wearable cameras to track the movements of more than 100 New Zealand school children say kids are becoming less independent, and less active. The research by Otago, Auckland and Harvard universities found children aged 11 to 13 spent more than half their non-school time within 500 meters of home, typically leaving to visit food outlets and friends' places.

Lead researcher Tim Chambers said the findings reflected the current trend of the decreasing independence of children, in part due to less physical activity and fears about neighborhood safety.

"It was a bit shocking for us to see that children were just as likely to go to food retail outlets as they were to sport and recreation settings so with the increasing trends in childhood obesity and the decreasing rates of physical activity I think these settings reflect those trends."

Chambers said on average children visited food retail outlets twice a day, which was concerning given that one third of children here were overweight or obese.

(Source: RNZ Inc.)



Participants march against sexual assault and harassment at the #MeToo March in the Hollywood section of Los Angeles on Sunday, Nov. 12, 2017.

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Texas town holds 1st Sunday service since church attack

SUTHERLAND SPRINGS, Texas (AP) — Hundreds of mourners crowded into the tiny town of Sutherland Springs for the first Sunday service since a gunman stormed the First Baptist Church a week earlier, killing more than two dozen people in the worst mass shooting in Texas history.

After an emotional sermon held outdoors under a massive white tent, congregants and the public were invited to return to the church for the first time since the tragedy. A chilling memorial set up inside the church included 26 white chairs — including one for the unborn baby of a victim who was pregnant — bearing each victim's name or nickname painted in gold.

Pastor Frank Pomeroy shared his personal heartache and a message that the community bound together by faith can move past the evil that attacked the church seven days earlier.

“Rather than choose darkness as that young man did that day, we choose life,” Pomeroy said during the service, his voice cracking as he spoke about his 14-year-old daughter, Annabelle, who was among those killed in the Nov. 5 rampage.

“I know everyone who gave their life that day,” he said, pausing to gather himself. “Some of whom were my best friends and my daughter.” He wiped his eyes, then added, “I guarantee they are dancing with Jesus today.”

Initially, the church had planned to hold Sunday's service at an adjacent community center, which can accommodate a few dozen people. But when organizers realized hundreds planned to attend, the service was moved to a massive white tent erected in a baseball field.

So many people turned up that the tent's side flaps had to be opened for an overflow crowd so that those who couldn't get a seat could see and hear what was going on inside. Mark Collins, a previous pastor at First Baptist, said it was the largest gathering in the church's 100-year history.

The front three rows were reserved for survivors of the attack and the families of those killed. Many arrived early, as a steady rain fell on the tarp roof, offering hugs to each other and prayers.

Congregants wept during the service and a moving version of “Amazing Grace,” led by three singers and a man on guitar, as the voices of hundreds sang along.

Some bowed their heads, others raised their hands and swayed as the music played, and tears streamed down their faces.

“Amazing Grace” was also played at halftime at Floresville High School at Friday night's game, in tribute to the victims.

Later Sunday, the First Baptist Church opened its doors for the first time since the shooting. The inside had been trans-

formed into a memorial with its walls, floor and pulpit painted white.

Broken windows and ceiling tiles had been replaced and bullet holes filled. The church's pews, the carpet and all equipment had been removed. All that filled the space were the 26 white chairs, each with a red rose tied to it except for one that had a pink rose for the unborn baby.

A line of about 85 people snaked from the church entrance and curved around the block, including people who traveled from as far away as the East Coast, said Collins, the church's former pastor who has returned to help in the tragedy's aftermath.

Constructing the memorial wasn't an easy decision, he said. Some members have said they never wanted to step foot inside the site, he said, while others have said they needed to see it.

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A memorial for the victims of the shooting at Sutherland Springs First Baptist Church includes 26 white chairs, each painted with a cross and a rose, is displayed in the church Sunday, Nov. 12, 2017, in Sutherland Springs, Texas. A man opened fire inside the church in the small South Texas community last week, killing more than two dozen.

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Myanmar's Suu Kyi now benefits from Southeast Asia's silence

YANGON, Myanmar (AP) — When Aung San Suu Kyi led the fight for democracy against Myanmar's despotic military rulers two decades ago, she bristled at the collective reluctance of Southeast Asian governments to intervene in her nation's plight. In a newspaper editorial published in 1999, the former opposition leader slammed the 10-member Association of Southeast Asian Nations, saying its "policy of non-interference is just an excuse for not helping." "In this day and age," she wrote in an editorial in Thailand's The Nation newspaper on July 13 of that year, "you cannot avoid interference in the matters of other countries."

Today, Suu Kyi leads Myanmar. And when she attends the ASEAN summit in Manila on Monday, she's likely to be counting on the bloc to keep silent while her govern-

ment engages in a crackdown on Rohingya Muslims using tactics the U.N. has described as ethnic cleansing to force them to leave the Buddhist-majority country.

It's unclear whether the crisis will be on ASEAN's official agenda, although Malaysia and Indonesia are likely to bring it up in talks on the meeting's sidelines. Bangladesh, where more than 600,000 Rohingya have arrived since late August, is not part of ASEAN.

But little is expected to be done. "ASEAN summits are not designed to actually construct policy responses to major human rights issues that affect the whole region," said David Mathieson, a former human rights researcher who is now an independent analyst based in Myanmar. "Right now, Suu Kyi's government is benefiting from ASEAN's culture of inaction." The refugee crisis began Aug. 25 after Rohingya insurgents attacked several Myanmar police posts in northern Rakhine state. Security forces responded with brutal "clearance operations" that human rights groups say killed hundreds of people and left hundreds of Rohingya villages burned to the ground. Survivors have described arson, rape and shootings by Myanmar soldiers and Buddhist mobs for the purpose of forcing Rohingya to leave. Myanmar has long denied them citizenship and most people insist the Rohingya are illegal immigrants though they've lived in Myanmar for generations. Suu Kyi was awarded the 1991 Nobel Peace Prize for her "non-violent struggle for democracy and human rights," in the words of the Nobel committee, but has been reluctant to defend the Rohingya. In a September speech, Suu Kyi asked for patience from the international community and suggested the refugees were partly responsible for the crisis. She also tried to play down the gravity of the exodus, saying more than half of the Rohingya villages in Myanmar had not been destroyed.

Though Suu Kyi has been the de facto head of Myanmar's civilian government since her party swept elections in 2015, she is limited in her control of the country by a constitution written by the military junta that ruled Myanmar for decades. The military is in charge of the operations in northern Rakhine, and ending them is not up to Suu Kyi. Still, her government has staunchly defended the army's actions. When the U.N. Security Council last week called for Myanmar to "end the excessive military force and intercommunal violence that had devastated the Rohingya community," Suu Kyi's office responded that it regretted the council's statement.

In an apparent reference to China, which has backed Myanmar, the government

praised Security Council members who "upheld the principle of non-interference in the internal affairs of sovereign countries." Non-interference has long been a bedrock of ASEAN, which celebrates its 50th anniversary this year.

Myanmar presidential spokesman Zaw Htay said he did not know what would be discussed at the summit this week, so "we can't say how we are going to respond to it."

Chandra Widya Yudha, director of the ASEAN Political and Security Cooperation at Indonesia's Foreign Ministry, told The Associated Press that his government would address the Rohingya crisis at the meeting. "We cannot keep silent because we have to help them," Yudha said.

Malaysia in particular has been critical of Myanmar's disproportionate use of force. Earlier this month, the predominantly Muslim country dissociated itself from an ASEAN statement expressing concern over the crisis because it said the statement misrepresented the reality of the situation, omitted reference to Rohingya Muslims as one of the affected communities and was not based on consensus. Khin Zaw Win, a Yangon-based political analyst, said that both Myanmar's previous military junta and Suu Kyi's government have benefited from ASEAN's reticence, but that the bloc should "take a firmer position" on the Rohingya issue.

"It has to be taken up if ASEAN is to remain credible," he said. Writing in The Nation in 1999, Suu Kyi said that when ASEAN invokes the principle of non-interference, it does so "not with a clear conscience."

"They are afraid that there may be some aspects of their countries that might invite criticism," she said. "Our position is that if they have problems that invite legitimate criticism, let there be criticism. If not, they have nothing to fear." MANILA, Philippines (AP) — President Donald Trump will formally meet his equally bombastic Philippine counterpart, Rodrigo Duterte, on the sidelines of an international summit Monday in one of the most-anticipated moments in the U.S. leader's first presidential trip to Asia. Both have tested the bounds of statesmanship with their foul language, devil-may-care verbal harangues against enemies and strongman tendencies.

Both rose to power in an era of authoritarian, populist leaders, both have quarreled with the press and both have been condemned for making lewd remarks against women. Duterte's bloody campaign against illegal drugs includes widespread accusations of extrajudicial killings, raising global alarm from governments and rights group yet has been praised by Trump.



President Donald Trump shakes hands with Philippine President Rodrigo Duterte and Honeylet Avancena as he arrives at ASEAN Summit dinner in Manila, Philippines on Sunday, Nov. 12, 2017.

(Adrian Wyld/The Canadian Press via AP)



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Australian senators must prove they are not dual nationals

CANBERRA, Australia (AP) — All Australian senators have three weeks to prove they were not foreign nationals when elected under an agreement the major political parties reached Monday to resolve a deepening citizenship crisis that could upend the government.

Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull's conservative coalition could lose two seats at by-elections next month after government lawmaker John Alexander on Saturday resigned from Parliament because he had likely inherited British citizenship from his English-born father. Australia is rare if not unique in the world in banning dual nationals from sitting in Parliament. Pressure is growing to reform the 116-year-old constitution amid the growing uncertainty over how many by-elections might result from the current crisis and which party might end up forming government. Turnbull's conservative Liberal Party and the center-left opposition Labor Party agreed to set a Dec. 1 deadline for senators to provide documented evidence that they are solely Australian citizens. Australian-born lawmakers will have to provide details of their parents and grandparents' dates and countries of birth to demonstrate that they have not inherited a second nationality. Immigrant lawmakers must document steps they have taken to renounce their original nationalities.

The bipartisan support ensures the Senate will endorse that agreement later Monday.

Acting Prime Minister

Julie Bishop said she expected the House of Representatives would endorse a similar citizenship registry when it next sits on Nov. 27.

Having lost two seats and its majority in the House due to the citizenship crisis, the government could need the support of a single lawmaker from among the opposition and five independent legislators to get the House's endorsement of such a register. "It's a good development. It's a sensible way forward," Bishop told reporters.

Any lawmakers who remain under a cloud after declaring their citizenship status would be referred to the High Court to decide whether they were legally elected. A series of by-elections that could change the government could be scheduled for a single weekend early next year. Earlier Monday, the government said it would invite the High Court to disqualify at least two opposition lawmakers from Parliament if they did not follow Alexander's example by quitting over questions about whether they renounced British citizenship in time to legally run for election last year.

The minor Greens party had offered to provide the single vote the government would need to get that referral through the House in the face of Labor opposition.

The nine lawmakers who have been scrutinized or referred to the court since July have acknowledged questions about their citizenship needed to be resolved by the court. Most were ruled ineligible.



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Next Sunday's service is expected to take place on the grounds of the church, likely in a makeshift structure, Collins said. Church members will have to decide whether to demolish the church, as some have said is likely, he said, but plans are also being discussed to build a new structure nearby.

The gunman, Devin Patrick Kelley, went aisle to aisle looking for victims and shot crying babies at point-blank range, according to witness accounts. The dead ranged in age from 18 months to 77 years old. About 20 people were wounded in the shooting.

Kelley died of an apparent self-inflicted gunshot wound after he was shot and chased by two men who heard the gunfire at the church. Investigators have said the attack appeared to stem from a domestic dispute involving Kelley and his mother-in-law, who sometimes attended services at the church but wasn't there the day of the

shooting.

Kelley had a history of domestic violence: He was given a bad conduct discharge from the Air Force after pleading guilty to assaulting his first wife and stepson.

The church has reached out to Kelley's family and was praying for them, Collins said.

"Our hearts and prayers go out to his family," he added.

For Sunday's service, people from other churches dropped off handmade prayer cloths and tiny wooden crosses, among other gifts. Mental health organizations provided tissues and brought therapy dogs to the service.

Republican Sen. John Cornyn spoke at the service, saying lives were stolen as darkness overtook one man's heart.

"The pain of losing 26 members is overwhelming," Cornyn said. "Many lives have been changed forever. ... I can't imagine what you've been grappling with ever since."



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ASEPA

Aso o le Fa'asalalauaga: Novema 08, 2017
Fa'afeso'ota'i: AS-EPA Polokalama a le Vai - 633-2304

Fa'asilasilaga mai le Ofisa o le Puipuiga o le Si'osi'omaga mo le mamalu o le atunu'u: sa faia su'esu'ega o gataifale ia Novema 7, 2017, ma fa'amaonia ai le i ai o siana (Enterococci) i gataifale o alalafaga nei:

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| Vatia Stream Mouth | Aua Stream Mouth | Aganoa Beach |
| Fagasa-Fagalea Stream Mouth | Laulii Stream Mouth | Auasi Harbor |
| Utulei Beach | Alega Beach | Utumea-East Beach |
| Gataivai Beach | Alega Stream Mouth | Alao Beach |
| Fagaalu Beach | Avaiio \$2 Beach | Tula Beach |
| Fatumafuti Beach | Fagaitua Stream Mouth | Onenoa Beach |
| Nuuuli Coconut Point | Sailele Beach | |
| Nuuuli Pala Lagoon | Masausi Stream Mouth | |
| Leone Pala | Masefau Stream Mouth | |
| Asili Stream Mouth | Alofau Stream Mouth | |
| | Amouli Beach | |

E fautuaina le mamalu o le atunu'u o lo'o fa'aaogaina ia ogasami mo ta'elega ma fagotaga: talu ai ona o su'esu'ega o ia vaega o ogasami sa faia i le vaiaso ua mavae, sa molimauina ai le maualuga o le faitau aofa'i o siana (Enterococci) mai numera ua fa'atapula'aina i le tulafono i ia vaega o ogasami. O nei siana e afua mai otaota po'o suava'i lafoa'i o tagata ma meaola. Afai ae o'o atu le faitau aofa'i o siana mai numera ua fa'atapula'aina, o lona uiga, e i ai le avanoa e ono afaina ai lou soifua maloloina ini fa'ama'i e pei o le manava-tata, o fofoga fa'apea fo'i ma manu'a o le tino pe a sao i ai le siana. Mo lou saogalemu: 'aua le inuina le suasami, ia fa'alanu lelei, ma fa'amalu pe a mae'a ta'elega. O le fautuaga mai le Ofisa o le AS-EPA, fa'afeso'ota'i muamua se foma'i, a'o le'i fa'aaogaina ia ogasami, auā le puipuiga o lou soifua maloloina.

Fa'amolemole, fa'autagia mai nei fautuaga. O le a toe maua atu se isi ripoti, pe a mae'a nisi o su'esu'ega mai le Potu Su'esu'e a le AS-EPA i le vaiaso fou. O lo'o i lalo o le va'ava'aiga a le AS-EPA matafaga mo tafaaga e 44 i le motu o Tutuila, e 5 i Manua ma le uafu i Aunu'u. O fa'asalalauaga mo fautuaga mo le motu o Tutuila o lo'o avina atu i vaiaso ta'itasi, ae o Manua ma Aunu'u e fa'asalalau atu i masina ta'itasi. Mo ni fesili pe fia malamalama atili, fa'amolemole, vala'au mai i le telefoni (684) 633-2304.



People look at an electronic stock board of a securities firm in Tokyo, Monday, Nov. 13, 2017. Asian stock markets were mixed Monday following Wall Street's losing week as investors looked ahead to a week of data releases and public comments by central bankers.

(AP Photo/Koji Sasahara)

Asian stocks mixed after Wall Street's losing week

BEIJING (AP) — Asian stock markets were mixed Monday following Wall Street's losing week as investors looked ahead to a week of data releases and public comments by central bankers.

KEEPING SCORE: The Shanghai Composite Index gained 0.3 percent to 3,443.36 and Tokyo's Nikkei 225 fell 0.7 percent to 22,527.21. Hong Kong's Hang Seng gained 0.3 percent to 29,195.14 and Seoul's Kospi shed 0.4 percent to 2,534.07. Sydney's S&P-ASX 200 shed 0.2 percent to 6,019.30 and benchmarks in New Zealand and Taiwan also fell. Singapore and Jakarta advanced.

WALL STREET: U.S. stocks fell for a second day Friday — the first time that has happened in a record-setting month. Medical device slumped after a Citigroup analyst said Amazon might be on the verge of shaking up their industry by speeding up distribution and cutting prices. Energy companies gave up some recent gains while retailers, media companies and household goods companies moved higher. The Standard & Poor's 500 index lost 0.1 percent to 2,582.30, finishing the week down 0.2 percent after setting a record Wednesday. The Dow Jones industrial average slid 0.2 percent to 23,422.21. The Nasdaq composite turned higher and rose 0.89 points to 6,750.94.

WEEK AHEAD: Central banker Haruhiko Kuroda of Japan inaugurates a data-heavy

week with a speech Monday, followed Tuesday by public comments from Janet Yellen of the United States, Mark Carney of Britain and Mario Draghi of the European Central Bank. The United States reports inflation and retail sales on Wednesday, while Japan reports factory output. The United States follows Thursday with factory output.

ANALYST'S TAKE: "We are likely to see October U.S. inflation dipping again (as hurricane effects drop out), confounding thoughts of a medium term pick-up in inflation as the economy tightens further," said Rob Carnell of IG in a report.

"As well as inflation, the week ahead offers glimpses into recent economic growth in the G-7.

Individual Eurozone country GDP figures will start to emerge this week, with the bulk of them likely to support the prevailing view that Eurozone growth is pretty strong. Japanese GDP, however, is due a pullback from the 2Q surge."

ENERGY: Benchmark U.S. crude gained 7 cents to \$56.81 per barrel in electronic trading on the New York Mercantile Exchange.

The contract fell 43 cents on Friday to close at \$56.74. Brent crude, used to price international oils, added 7 cents to \$63.59 in London. It lost 39 cents the previous session to \$63.52.

CURRENCY: The dollar rose to 113.67 yen from Friday's 113.21 yen. The euro advanced to \$1.1651 from \$1.1643.



American Samoa Government
OFFICE OF PROCUREMENT

REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS (RFQ)
RFQ-018-2018

Issuance Date: November 13, 2017
Date & Time Due: December 13, 2017
No later than 2:00p.m (local time)

The American Samoa Government (ASG) issues a Request For Qualification (RFQ) from qualified firms to provide:

"Design of Pago Pago International Airport - Parking Lot Expansion"

Submission

Original and five copies of the Qualifications must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked: "RFQ: Design of Pago Pago International Airport - Parking Lot Expansion." Submissions are to be sent to the following address and will be received until 2:00 p.m. (local time), December 13, 2017:

Office of Procurement
American Samoa Government
Pago Pago, American Samoa 96799
Attn: Dr. Oreta Mapu Crichton, CPO

Any qualifications received after the aforementioned date and time will not be accepted under any circumstances. Late submissions will not be opened or considered and will be determined as being non-responsive.

Document

The RFQ Scope of Work outlining the qualification requirements is available at the Office of Procurement, Tafuna, American Samoa, during normal working hours.

Review

Request for Qualification data will be thoroughly reviewed by an appointed Source Evaluation Board under the auspices of the Chief Procurement, Office of Procurement, ASG.

Right of Rejection

The American Samoa Government reserves the right to reject any and/or all proposals and to waive any irregularities and/or informalities in the submitted proposals that are not in the best interests of the American Samoa Government or the public, as may be in the best interest of the American Samoa Government or the public.

Oreta Mapu Crichton
DR. ORETA MAPU CRICHTON
 Chief Procurement Officer

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IN THE COMMUNITY

(Photos: Maelynn)



Former Alabama Chief Justice and U.S. Senate candidate Roy Moore waits to speak the Vestavia Hills Public library, Saturday, Nov. 11, 2017, in Birmingham, Ala. According to a Thursday, Nov. 9 Washington Post story an Alabama woman said Moore made inappropriate advances and had sexual contact with her when she was 14. Moore is denying the allegations.

(AP Photo/Brynn Anderson)

Moore dismisses allegations in story, says lawsuit to come

WASHINGTON (AP) — Amid pressure from within the Republican Party to step aside, GOP Senate nominee Roy Moore on Sunday night called a newspaper report carrying allegations he had sexual contact with a 14-year-old girl four decades ago “fake news” and said a lawsuit would be filed in response.

Moore’s condemnation of a Washington Post story during a campaign speech in Huntsville, Alabama, came hours after another fellow Republican, Sen. Pat Toomey of Pennsylvania, urged him to drop out of a special election for one of Alabama’s Senate seats. Toomey said Moore’s explanations had been inadequate and that Republicans should consider Sen. Luther Strange as a write-in candidate to run against Moore. Strange lost the Republican primary to Moore. Moore tried to raise money from the controversy, writing in a fundraising pitch sent about midafternoon that the “vicious and sleazy attacks against me are growing more vicious by the minute.” He told supporters, “I’m counting on you to stand with me at this critical moment by chipping in a donation to help me bust through the vicious lies and attacks and get the truth out to as many voters as possible before December 12.”

The Post story quoted four women by name, including the woman who alleged the sexual contact at 14, and had two dozen other sources.

In a Huntsville gym, Moore assured supporters that the Post story was “a desperate attempt to stop my political campaign” and that the allegations that he was “involved with a minor child are completely unfalse and untrue and for which they will be sued,” drawing a round of applause. He also questioned why such allegations would be leveled for the first time just weeks before the special election in spite of his decades in public life. “Why would they come now? Because there are groups that don’t want me in the United States Senate,” he said, naming the Democratic Party and the Republican establishment and accusing them of working together. He added, “We do not plan to let anybody deter us from this race.”

Toomey did not rule out the possibility that Senate Republicans might work to unseat Moore if he wins the special election against Democrat Doug Jones. “You know, this is a terrible situation, nearly 40-year-old allegation, we’ll probably never know for sure exactly what happened,” Toomey said on “Meet the Press” on NBC. “But from my point of view, I think the accusations have more credibility than the denial. I think it would be best if Roy would just step aside.”

The White House, pointedly noting that President Donald Trump did not back Moore during the primary, said Trump will likely weigh in on

the Senate race when he returns from Asia later this week. The White House has already made clear that Moore should step aside if the allegations are proven to be true.

“I think there’s a special place in hell for those who actually perpetrate these crimes,” White House legislative aide Marc Short said Sunday.

“But, having said that, he hasn’t been proved guilty,” Short added. “We have to afford him the chance to defend himself.” Moore is an outspoken Christian conservative and former state Supreme Court judge. The Post reported last Thursday that he had sexual contact with a 14-year-old girl and pursued three other teenagers decades earlier.

While he called the allegations “completely false and misleading,” in an interview with conservative radio host Sean Hannity he did not wholly rule out dating teenage girls when he was in his early 30s. Asked if that would have been usual for him, Moore said, “Not generally, no.”

The story stirred concern among anxious GOP officials in Washington in a key race to fill the Senate seat once held by Jeff Sessions, now the U.S. attorney general. Losing the special election to a Democrat would imperil Republicans’ already slim 52-48 majority in the Senate, which is hoping to pass a tax overhaul later this year.

But a Moore victory also would pose risks if he were to join the Senate GOP with a cloud of sexual misconduct allegations. In the immediate aftermath of the Post report, a wave of national Republican leaders called for Moore to drop out of the race if the allegations are true. They included the head of the House Freedom Caucus, Rep. Mark Meadows of North Carolina, Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell of Kentucky and Texas Sen. Ted Cruz. Over the weekend, more Republicans distanced themselves from Moore. “Look, I’m sorry, but even before these reports surfaced, Roy Moore’s nomination was a bridge too far,” tweeted Sen. Bob Corker, R-Tenn., on Saturday. Sen. Tim Scott, R-S.C., on Sunday said Moore’s denials seemed to raise more questions. “Certainly, the allegations are very, very strong. The denial was not as strong as the allegations,” Scott said. “If the allegations are true, there is no doubt he should step aside. And not for the party, but for the American people. We have to find a way to restore trust and confidence in our elected officials in our government, and this goes in the wrong direction.”

Even if Moore were to step aside, his name would likely remain on the ballot. And any effort to add Strange as a write-in candidate would threaten to divide the GOP vote in a way that would give the Democratic candidate a greater chance of winning.



Bank of Hawaii

As required by Title 28 Chapter 16
of the American Samoa Code Annotated:

“Notice of the names of persons appearing as the owners
of unclaimed amounts held by Bank of Hawaii”

- * David A. Deprin
- * Moana K. Eneli
- * Ex L M S Fellowship
- * Army T. Fiame
- * Ian Holt
- * George Misaalefua
- * Christopher I. Oliver
- * Anthony John Pereira
- * Florence Gail Poysky
- * Claire Sekai
- * Lololo Palata Tafua
- * Trisha Marie Tufele
- * Pago Pago Catholic Church
- * Pamamao Tunupopo

Claims must be made in person before December 20, 2017 at the
Bank of Hawaii branch located in the Senator Daniel K. Inouye
Industrial Park Village of Tafuna, American Samoa 96799

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LAND COMMISSION

NOTICE is hereby given that TIMO MATUU & MOTUILIU VESI MATUU, members
on behalf of FIAVIVINI ATOFAU FAMILY of LEPUPAUA, American Samoa, has executed
a LEASE AGREEMENT to a certain parcel of land commonly known as LEPUPAUA which
is situated in the village of LEPUPAUA, in the County of FOFO, WESTERN District, Island
of Tutuila, American Samoa. Said LEASE AGREEMENT is now on file with the Territorial
Registrar to be forwarded to the Governor respecting his approval or disapproval thereof
according to the laws of American Samoa. Said instrument names FIAVIVINI & TINA
ATOFAU as LESSEES.

Any person who wish, may file his objection in writing with the Secretary of the Land
Commission before the 27TH day of NOVEMBER, 2017. It should be noted that any objec-
tion must clearly state the grounds therefor.

POSTED: SEPTEMBER 27, 2017 thru NOVEMBER 27, 2017
SIGNED: Taito S.B. White, Territorial Registrar

KOMISI O LAU'ELE'ELE

O LE FAASALALAUGA leni ua faia ona o TIMO MATUU & MOTUILIU VESI
MATUU, sui o le AIGA SA ATOFAU FIAVIVINI ATOFAU ole nu'u o LEPUPAUA, Amerika
Samoa, ua ia faia se FEAGAIGA LISI, i se fanua ua lauiloa o LEPUPAUA, e i le nu'u o LEP-
UPAUA i le itumalo o FOFO, Falelima i SISIFO ole Motu o TUTUILA Amerika Samoa. O
lea FEAGAIGA LISI ua i ai nei i teuga pepa ale Resitara o Amerika Samoa e fia auina atu ile
Kovana Sili mo sana fa'amaoniga e tusa ai ma le Tulafono a Amerika Samoa. O lea mata'upu
o lo'o ta'ua ai FIAVIVINI & TINA ATOFAU.

A iai se tasi e fia fa'atu'iese i lea mata'upu, ia fa'aulufaleina mai sa na fa'atu'iesega tusitusia
ile Failautusi o lea Komisi ae le'i o'o ile aso 27 o NOVEMA, 2017 Ia manatua, o fa'atu'iesega
uma lava ia tusitusia manino mai ala uma e fa'atu'iese ai. 10/13 & 11/13/17

Las Vegas beefs up marathon security after concert attack

LAS VEGAS (AP) — Las Vegas ramped up security for the annual Rock 'n' Roll Marathon, which was the first major outdoor event on the Strip since the mass shooting.

Tens of thousands of people participated in the race with many wearing T-shirts that read “Vegas Strong,” in memory of the Oct. 1 attack.

Some runners who picked up their race packages Thursday at a convention center mentioned defiance, strength and resilience among their reasons to take part on the event less than two months after the deadliest mass shooting in modern U.S. history rattled a city known for its partying atmosphere.

With an American flag pinned to his shirt, Ben Rumph, who lives in the Las Vegas suburb of Henderson, said he never considered canceling his participation after the shooting. The 80-year-old U.S. Navy veteran had trained year round to run the half marathon for the

10th time.

“The shooting was an entity, an event, by itself. I was going to run whether that happened or not,” Rumph said. “I’m a veteran. I stood up and raised my hand that I would either kill some people or be killed to protect what we have in this country. My decision is to do the same thing today. I don’t mean to go kill or anything like that, but to stand up for that principal.”

Another half marathon participant, Esther Reincke is running to honor a friend who was killed during the massacre. Reincke said 28-year-old Cameron Robinson, whom she described as a happy and “wicked smart” guy, had been part of her team in a 200-mile relay race last year. They both met while working for the city of Las Vegas.

“It is still hard to believe not only that this event happened in our city, but for it to hit home that close, he was one of our co-

workers and a friend of mine,” Reincke, 60, said. “I’m running because Cameron can’t. He loved running and that’s kind of my connection to him. When I get my Vegas Strong shirt, I’m going to have his name somewhere front or back.”

The start of the marathon is usually outside Mandalay Bay, where Stephen Paddock unleashed gunfire from a 32nd-floor suite. Because of security concerns, the start line was moved a mile north.

Capt. Andrew Walsh said about 350 officers were working and were aided by a helicopter. Large city vehicles were positioned at key intersections to prevent anyone from driving onto the course. vGilles Rubio prevailed on the men’s side Sunday with a blistering time of two hours, 38 minutes and four seconds. Americans Karel Burger and Tyler Pence finished in second and third place, respectively, with times of 02:41.27 and 02:43.55.

Saudi Arabia says it will reopen Yemen airports, seaports

vCAIRO (AP) — Saudi Arabia said Monday that the Saudi-led coalition fighting Shiite rebels in Yemen will begin reopening airports and seaports in the Arab world’s poorest country, days after closing them over a rebel ballistic missile attack on Riyadh.

The announcement from the Saudi mission at the United Nations came after the coalition fighting Yemen’s rebels, known as Houthis, and their allies faced widespread international criticism over the closure, with the U.N. and over 20 aid groups saying it could bring millions of people closer to “starvation and death.”

“The first step in this process will be taken within 24 hours and involves reopening all the ports in areas controlled by” Yemen’s internationally recognized government, which the coalition backs, the mission’s statement said. Those ports are in Aden, Mocha and Mukalla. For ports in rebel-held or disputed territories, like Hodeida, the mission said it had asked the U.N. to send a team of experts to discuss ways to make sure weapons can’t be smuggled in.

The Saudi-led coalition hopes that will prevent “the smuggling of weapons, ammunitions, missile parts and cash that are regularly being supplied

by Iran and Iranian accomplices to the Houthi rebels,” the statement said. Saudi Arabia announced it shut down all ports after a Nov. 4 ballistic missile attack on Riyadh near its international airport by the Houthis.

Saudi Arabia and the United States have accused Iran of supplying the ballistic missile used in that attack, saying the missiles bore “Iranian markings.” The Houthis have denied that.

For its part, Iran long has denied offering any arms to Yemen, though it has backed the Houthis and highlighted the high civilian casualties from the Saudi-led coalition’s campaign of airstrikes.

Afghan official: Taliban kill 8 policemen in country’s west

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP) — An Afghan official says a Taliban attack in western Farah province has killed eight police officers.

Mohammad Naser Mehri, spokesman for the provincial governor, says the Taliban attacked a police check point near the city of Farah, the provincial capital, early on Monday morning

Mehri says the attack only lasted 10 to 15 minutes and when reinforcement arrived,

they found the bodies at the checkpoint.

He added that one policeman was slightly wounded in the attack and was subsequently arrested on suspicion of links with the insurgents.

No one immediately claimed responsibility for the attack.

Mehri is blaming the Taliban, who have stepped up their attacks against Afghan security forces across the country and have been more active in Farah province also.



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LAND COMMISSION

NOTICE is hereby given that ELIA TAVAI of UTULEI, American Samoa, has executed a
LEASE AGREEMENT to a certain parcel of land commonly known as VAILOA which is situated
in the village of UTULEI, in the County of MAOPUTASI, EASTERN District, Island
of Tutuila, American Samoa. Said LEASE AGREEMENT is now on file with the Territorial
Registrar to be forwarded to the Governor respecting his approval or disapproval thereof
according to the laws of American Samoa. Said instrument names SAINI & VILIATA VELE
as LESSEES.

Any person who wish, may file his objection in writing with the Secretary of the Land
Commission before the 4TH day of DECEMBER, 2017. It should be noted that any objec-
tion must clearly state the grounds therefor.

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SIGNED: Taito S.B. White, Territorial Registrar

KOMISI O LAU'ELE'ELE

O LE FAASALALAUGA leni ua faia ona o ELIA TAVAI ole nu'u o UTULEI, Amerika
Samoa, ua ia faia se FEAGAIGA LISI, i se fanua ua lauiloa o VAILOA, e i le nu'u o UTULEI
i le itumalo o MAOPUTASI, Falelima i SASA'E ole Motu o TUTUILA Amerika Samoa. O
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His Asia trip winding down, Trump meets with allies

MANILA, Philippines (AP) — President Donald Trump is winding down his lengthy Asia trip with an international summit and a trio of meetings with Pacific Rim allies, including his host in the Philippines who is overseeing a bloody drug war.

Trump, in Manila, attended the opening ceremonies of the Association for Southeast Asian Nations conference, which began with pageantry, including a group photo of the leaders and the summit's traditional handshake. That cross-body shake, during which each leader shakes the opposite hands of those next to him, briefly baffled Trump, who then laughed as he figured out where to place his arms.

One of the leaders on his flank: with Philippine President Rodrigo Duterte, who has overseen a bloody drug war that has featured extrajudicial killings. The two men are also slated to hold longer, formal talks later Monday and White House aides signaled that Trump is not expected to publicly bring up human rights in their discussions.

Trump will also meet with Prime Minister Narendra Modi of India, which plays a key role in the U.S. vision of an Indo-Pacific region that attempts to de-emphasize China's influence. And he will meet with Australian Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull, with whom he had a contentious phone call this spring. Trump's discussions will largely center on trade and North Korea but he remains dogged by things he has said, and not said, about Russia.

He tried to have it both ways on the issue of Russian interference in last year's presidential race, saying he believes both the U.S. intelligence agencies when they say Russia meddled and Putin's sincerity in claiming that his country did not.

"I believe that he feels that he and Russia did not meddle in the election," Trump said Sunday in Hanoi, Vietnam.

"As to whether I believe it, I'm with our agencies," Trump said. "As currently led by fine people, I believe very much in our intelligence agencies."

But just a day earlier, he had lashed out at the former heads of the U.S. intelligence agencies, dismissing them as "political hacks" and claiming there were plenty of reasons to be suspicious of their findings that Russia meddled to help Trump defeat Democrat Hillary Clinton. Former CIA director John Brennan, appearing Sunday on CNN's "State of the Union" with former national intelligence director James

Clapper, said Trump was deriding them in an attempt to "delegitimize" the intelligence community's assessment.

"I think Mr. Putin is very clever in terms of playing to Mr. Trump's interest in being flattered. And also I think Mr. Trump is, for whatever reason, either intimidated by Mr. Putin, afraid of what he could do or what might come out as a result of these investigations," Brennan said.

Clapper called the threat from Russia "manifest and obvious."

"To try to paint it in any other way is, I think, astounding and, in fact, poses a peril to this country," he said on CNN.

Brennan said Trump's ambiguity on Russia's involvement was "very, very worrisome from a national security standpoint."

"I think he's giving Putin a pass and I think it demonstrates to Putin that Donald Trump can be played by foreign leaders who are going to appeal to his ego and play upon his insecurities," Brennan said.

Questions about whether Trump believes the assessment about Russian election-meddling have trailed him since January, when he said for the first time, shortly before taking office, that he accepted that Russia was behind the election-year hacking of Democrats that roiled the White House race.

A special counsel's examination of potential collusion between Moscow and Trump campaign aides so far has led to indictments against Trump's former campaign chairman and another top aide for crimes unrelated to the campaign, and a guilty plea from a Trump foreign policy adviser for lying to the FBI.

Multiple congressional committees are also investigating.

Trump told reporters traveling with him to Hanoi on Saturday that Putin had again vehemently denied the allegations. The two spoke during an economic conference in Danang, Vietnam. Trump danced around questions about whether he believed Putin but stressed Putin's denials.

"Every time he sees me, he says: 'I didn't do that.' And I believe — I really believe — that when he tells me that, he means it," Trump said, arguing that it makes no sense for him to belabor the issue when Russia could help the U.S. on North Korea, Syria and other issues.

Trump was originally slated to depart Manila for Washington on Monday. He added a day to the schedule amid criticism that he would have missed the final summit.

FA'ASALALAUGA

TALANOAGA SUAFA TE'O, ALO O FANENE I VAILOA

O le a tafa'ima'a ia le tamāloa na liu fatu i le Alataua i pa'ia, sã ma faigã o Samoa le atunu'u tofi; aua o le fale o Aomapo ua so'o lona ta'iao ma e tulutulu i tao. O le a ou le tolovaea fo'i i so'u vaivai le upega i pa'ia lasilasi o lo tatou aiga Sa-Te'õ, o Alo o Fanene, leaga e le oge ma'a le sami, e papa'u fo'i le vaogagana e tau faalalanu ai pa'ia le 'avea ma sã le to'esea o lo taotu aiga i Vailoa. Ta'oto fo'i fa'ai'a o le tai loloto, le malutae'e o lo tatou afio'aga i Vailoa ma ona tulaga fa'alupe, auã e leai se poto po'o se vave na te toe atofuli fa'aleatoa le tupua ma le la'o'ai i Asotau, tulou, tulou, tulouna lava. Fa'alelepa la e pei o foe i le savili pa'ia ia, i to'oto'oau o Samoa, latou te tapu'eina fa'ala'au ola 'upu o le atunu'u. Ua tasi nei le fa'afitiga o Aleaga ma ua i si'ui suaga o le va'atele i finagalo 'autasi o lo tatou aiga i la tatou ulua'i fesilafa'iga na faia i le **aso 4 o Novema**, tatou te toe laulua fesilafa'i i le **aso 18** o le masina lava lenei o Novema, i le maota o lo tatou aiga i **FALENU I VAILOA**, i le itula e **9:00 i le taeao**. O la tatou fesilafa'iga lona lua lea, tatou te lafo 'aso ai ma togi sau ma'a e ala i lou finagalo tamāli'i, mo se tasi ua agava'a ma alagātatau ona tausia lo tatou aiga i le taimi nei. O le mea lea, fa'amolemole, ia tausisia mai le aso ua tu'upoina mo lenei fa'amoemoe tãua. O le a le avea lou le afio mai, e toe tolopo ai fuafuaga a aiga le aua mae'a paepae lelei i la tatou ulua'i fesilafa'iga. O la'u tatalo, ia fa'asopo e le Atua o le fuã lo outou soifua manuia i lea aso atofaina, ae aua lava ne'i atafasaina fa'afuga o la'au e to'ulu i le ala.

Faia ma le ava tele ma le migao e tatau ai.

Soifua
Fauolevavau Lopati Tuatagaloa
Fofoga o le aiga.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE is hereby given, pursuant to ASCA 37.1105, that Development Bank of American Samoa intends to foreclose a mortgage recorded in the Office of the Territorial Registrar in Land Transfer, Volume Number 8, page 347-348, recorded August 6, 2014, and that the property subject to the mortgage will be sold at public auction.

PROPERTY TO BE SOLD ON "AS IS BASIS": All of the mortgagors' interest in all that certain real property of individually owned land, consisting of approximately 0.26 acres, more or less:

All that certain real property lying in Land Square 31, Unit "B" situated in the village of Ili'ili and Pavaiai, County of Tualauta, Western District, Island of Tutuila, American Samoa, being a portion of land known as "Punalei," owned by Michael U. Fuiava, recorded in the Land Transfer 726-727 which is more fully described as follows:

Starting at a point which has coordinates of N=284821.95 E=237727.89, American Samoa Datum of 1962.

Thence on azimuth 202° 27' 28" 125.28 feet to a point

Thence on azimuth 290° 01' 35" 78.74 feet to a point

Thence on azimuth 33° 23' 22" 44.63 feet to a point

Thence on azimuth 308° 38' 03" 29.59 feet to a point

Thence on azimuth 31° 07' 28" 86.51 feet to a point

Thence on azimuth 118° 26' 39" 86.06 feet to the point of beginning

Containing an area of 0.26 acres more or less.

Date of Sale: Thursday, December 7th, 2017 at 1:00pm at the property unless postponed or canceled by public announcement.

Location: The property is located at Ili'ili.

Minimum Bid: \$100,000.00

Contact: For more information please contact Tavai Ieremia at Development Bank 633-4031 or email tavai@dbas.as.



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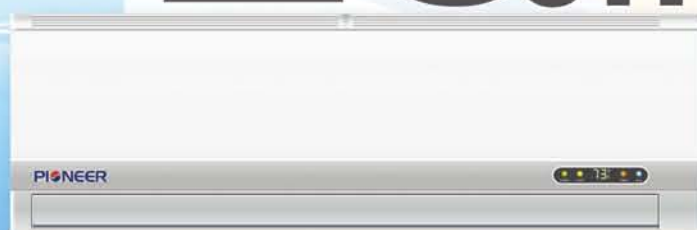

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